

INDIVIDUAL DISPOSITIONAL ACTIONS BY RACE AND SEX 2000

This report looks at individual dispositional actions taken by the juvenile courts in 2000. As the data are spread between sixty-one (61) potential dispositional actions, most of the percentages presented will be small. **The users of the 2000 data should keep in mind that these figures reflect the numbers of individual dispositional actions, not the number of children disposed with these outcomes. Multiple cases that are disposed together can result in inflated outcomes.**

With respect to the 2000 reporting of individual dispositional actions, the table on pages 54-56 reveals that the most often reported specific dispositional choice was "Other". **Because of the uninterpretable nature of this dispositional choice, "Other" will not be included in the most often cited dispositional actions presented in the remainder of this discussion.** Of the remaining dispositional choices, "Court Costs", "Case Dismissed", and "Warned/ Counseled" were the three most often cited for the general juvenile court population.

When looking at race and gender, the top three dispositional actions associated with white males were reported to be Court Costs (13.6%), Public Service (8.1%), and Fine (7.3%). The most often reported dispositional actions associated with African American males were Case Dismissed (10.9%), Warned/Counseled (9.6%), and Probation To Court (6.8%).

The three most often reported dispositional actions for white females were Court Costs (11.5%), Case Dismissed (8.1%), and Public Service (5.9%). On the other hand, the most often cited dispositional action for African American females was Case Dismissed (13.3%). Warned/Counseled (10.6%) and Relative Placement (7.9%) were the second and third most commonly reported dispositional actions for African American females.